

Senate Resolution 778

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Weber of the 40th, Thompson of the 5th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Archbishop Jimmie L. Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished individuals
3 with the passing of Archbishop Jimmie L. Smith; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Archbishop had an extensive educational background, attending Durham
5 Business College in Durham, North Carolina; North Carolina Central University; Allen
6 University in Columbia, South Carolina, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in history
7 with a minor in religion; two doctorate degrees from South West London University in
8 London, England, and California School of Theology in Berkley, California; Emory
9 University in Atlanta, Georgia, and Beulah Heights Bible College in Atlanta, Georgia, where
10 he studied religious education; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Archbishop Smith was a native of Lithonia, Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was called into the ministry at the age of 18, became a pastor at the age of
13 20, and has been spreading the Word of God for 42 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Archbishop Smith was the presiding prelate of the Light of the World
15 Interdenominational International Association and oversaw ministries in 34 countries with
16 a membership of more than 200,000; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 1982, he married Ruth W. Smith, and together they raised a family of five
18 children and eight grandchildren; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he and his wife organized the Light of the World Christian Academy; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Archbishop Smith has authored three books, and he is the executive producer
21 and recording artist of three CDs; and

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join together in honoring the memory of Archbishop Jimmie L. Smith and extending the
3 deepest and most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Archbishop Jimmie L.
6 Smith.